

## HISTORY

The ESPERANZA Club was made up of a group of high school girls in 1974 and 1975 that wanted to do some positive things in the community. We modeled ourselves after the adult clubs, like the Merry Makers and Les Damselles. ESPERANZA means "Hope & Expectation" and the colors of the club are Red, Black and Green.

ESPERANZA being the first youngest, independent, African American all girls club in the Bay-Waveland area, had big expectations. The Founding Fifteen (15) club members came from different High Schools and were made up of various religious backgrounds yet we came together with the same common goals, to make a difference in the community. We took pride in our community accomplishments like, visiting patients at Gulfview Haven nursing home (bearing gifts), and giving out turkeys to the elderly during Thanksgiving. The club also promoted dances at the 100 Men's Hall to entertain our peers. Our first dance was with Black Stone Rock, from New Orleans, the 2nd dance with the Meters, and our last dance was with Chocolate Milk, also from New Orleans, LA. The ESPERANZA Club's most remarkable times were the club meetings, hosted from house to house, where we had great fellowship with lots of fun, food, and also took care of business.

St. Rose De Lima Church entrusted ESPERANZA with the use of their kitchen for cooking and selling dinners, under the watchful eyes of MS. Gerry Lane (may she continue to rest in peace) and MS. Alvina Nichols. These 2 women labored with us in the kitchen, cooking, teaching us kitchen safety, cleanliness, and making sure all the dinners had the right portion sizes. We thank them for believing in us.

The ESPERANZA Club was short lived due to the fact that the majority of the Members were Seniors and upon Graduation, they left home to attend college. The club disbanded in August of 1975.



## TO JOIN ESPERANZA



The doors  to join or re-join ESPERANZA is now officially OPEN beginning September 28, 2013 through November 30, 2013.

Visit our web site to submit a Membership Application form & for more information at <http://www.EsperanzaClub.com>

OR

Send Application Form to:  
P.O. Box 2610  
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521

Membership Hotline:  
Phone: 1-641-715-3800  
Access Code: 50743#

### ESPERANZA CORE TEAM

President: Giselle Curry Joseph  
Vice President: Denise Lewis Davis  
Secretary: Margaret Thomas Crawford  
Treasurer: Jennifer Lewis Cameron  
Membership Coord: Gisele Bradley  
Advisor: Edna Collins Berry

*ESPERANZA is on the Move!*  
Be a part of a Growing and Expanding Organization.



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### MISSION of ESPERANZA

ESPERANZA is an all-female Christian based, social, non-profit organization whose mission is to give others Hope and Expectation. The organization is unified with ladies from various Christian denominations and backgrounds. Our commitment is to support each other, our communities and across the globe by working to be a blessing with our time, talents and treasures.



## THE FOUNDING FIFTEEN

*Arthurine Gyins  
 Carnel Hawkins Cooper  
 Connie Haynes  
 Deirdre Bradley  
 Denise Lewis Davis  
 Edna Collins Berry  
 Farren Acker Washington  
 Gisele Bradley  
 Giselle Curry Joseph  
 Jennifer Lewis Cameron  
 Jo Labat Vaughn  
 Margaret Thomas Crawford  
 Noella Williams Whavers  
 Sabrina Williams Price  
 Vanessa Labat Roberts*

## How do I Benefit by being a member of ESPERANZA?

- ◆ *You will be a part of a Christian Organization that believes in giving of our time, talents and treasures to help support organizations and people in need.*
- ◆ *You will be a part of a Christian Ladies group that believes in supporting its own – To strengthen, encourage and enhance you to be a total and complete woman in all areas. Phenomenal Women!*
- ◆ *We will have social activities to enjoy the fellowship and friendship of other members.*
- ◆ *We will have conferences every other year in various parts of the United States with educational & motivational workshops and social gatherings.*
- ◆ *We will have leaders in place to pray for you and give spiritual counseling when needed.*
- ◆ *We will have leaders in place to help support you in finding legal, counseling and wisdom in various areas.*
- ◆ *Members being a part of at least one of the committees will help give hope and expectation to our communities and our world.*
- ◆ *You will be a part of a Sister Hood!*

## ESPERANZA QUALIFICATIONS



- ◆ *Must have an existing ESPERANZA member to sponsor you for new membership with the organization.*
- ◆ *Must support the organization's mission, members and By-Laws.*
- ◆ *Must be willing to give of your time, talents and treasures.*
- ◆ *Must ensure the required yearly dues are given in a timely manner.*
- ◆ *Must be a part of at least one committee within the organization. [Can be a part of two (2) if desired].*
- ◆ *Must be faithful and active in the organization.*
- ◆ *Must be willing to always pursue the unity and integrity of ESPERANZA.*

### DUES

**\$120.00 a year**

[Choose any option below]

- \$10.00 a month
- \$30.00 a quarter
- \$60.00 ½ year
- \$120.00 a year